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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 4, 2002. Applicants request amendment and reconsideration of the patent application.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 2-20 per the enclosed copy of those figures marked with the changes.

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the enclosed, revised abstract which is on a separate sheet.

In the Specification:

A substitute specification is being prepared to correct informalities and to include previous amendments requested in the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the filing of the patent application.

As to page 7, line 10, the text has already been amended per the Preliminary Amendment.

As to page 7, line 18, the duplicate phrase "by providing the" will be removed.

As to page 28, line 7 and page 30, line 20, the spelling of the word "foregoing" will be corrected.